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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 March 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

   Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/56/25/Add.3 and A/56/7/Add.8)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [158] (A/56/660, A/56/688 and A/56/845)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 134 (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force); and 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Treatment of perennial activities (A/C.5/52/42 and A/53/7/Add.9))

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* Following the adjournment of the 48th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session appear in Part II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2002/48 (Part II)).

3 p.m. 5 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 158 (Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/56/660, A/56/688 and A/56/845))

5 p.m. 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003)

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 March 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	96th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [37]

   (a) Letters from South Africa transmitting the report on the Kimberley Process (A/56/502, A/56/675, A/56/775)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.72)

2. Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects: draft resolution (A/56/L.73) [24]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 49th meeting of the Committee.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 11 March 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

95th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/56/780/Add.3) [125]

The General Assembly took note that Haiti has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the charter.

Adoption of the agenda, allocation of items and organization of work [8]

The General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 107 directly in plenary meeting and agreed to proceed immediately to the consideration of the item.

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development: draft decision (A/56/L.74) [107]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 107.

The representative of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement in the course of which he withdrew draft decision A/56/L.74.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Japan, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 107.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [130]

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [131]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on possible fee-splitting arrangements between defence counsel and indigent detainees at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/56/836).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this report.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this report would begin on that day, Monday, 11 March, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Merchant (Norway).

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/25/Add.3).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/7/Add.8).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [158]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/660).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/845).

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, Botswana, Cuba, the United States, Namibia, India and Australia.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Controller replied to a question raised by the representative of Cuba (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) at the 44th meeting held on Wednesday, 6 March, on the note verbale sent by the Secretary-General to Permanent Missions of the United Nations and issued as ST/IC/2002/13.

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Jamaica and Egypt.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda item 123 would begin on Tuesday, 12 March, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. John Orr (Canada), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Assistant Chief of the Security and Safety Service replied to questions raised at the 46th meeting held on Friday, 8 March.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Organization of work

The representative of Cuba (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

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